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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

October 10, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to the Conditional Area Closure Notice: This notification closes the rainfall conditional area in Area No. 27 due to rainfall exceeding 1 inch in 24 hours. The area will reopen October 20th due to the overlap with the closure for extreme high tide events. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Please refer to the specific Area notices for maps and a detailed description of the impacted conditional areas: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm. Reopening dates will change if additional rain or flow events occur. Whenever a Conditional Area is impacted by rainfall AND a WWTP CSO or bypass event, the area remains closed until the WWTP closure is lifted. Always check this notice before harvesting in a rainfall, river flow and/or Waste Water Treatment Plant performance conditional area to determine the open/closed status. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The descriptions of the areas are as follows (struck text is removed and underlined text is being added):

Rainfall, Tide, Sewage Treatment Plant and River Discharge Conditional Areas:

Rainfall Conditional Closures:

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 20, 2016.

Area No. 27: area (C.) on the St George River.

Tide Height Conditional Closures:

Area No. 27: Conditional Area C. **WILL CLOSE EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS** on the following dates:

October 15, 2016 at 00:00 hours and will reopen on October 20, 2016 at 00:01 hours.

November 12, 2016 at 00:00 hours and will reopen on November 17, 2016 at 00:01 hours.

If you have questions, please contact Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9500 Email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact on duty Marine Patrol Officers through the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



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Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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(*Effective Time*)